

REMARKS

Filed herewith is a petition to extend the time for response an additional month, i.e., from April 26, 2007 to May 26, 2007.

As a result of this amendment, claims 16-25 remain in the application. All of clams 16-25 have been allowed. Canceled claims 1-15 are the subject of copending divisional application.

The Examiner has properly objected to the original abstract. In response Applicant has submitted herewith a new abstract that discloses the method for anchoring floor components to a concrete base.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.823(a) and also 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). More specifically the objections noted that element "21" was not shown in the drawings and also that numerals "32", "36" and "66" have been used to designate two different things. On that basis the Examiner has called for corrected drawings.

In response to the objections to the drawings, Applicant admits that that use of the reference number "21" in the specification was incorrect. The present amendment corrects the error by replacing that number with the correct reference number "34" (see the foregoing amendment to the last paragraph on page 8). Applicant respectfully submits that as a consequence of that amendment, there is no longer any basis for requiring correction of the drawings in relation to the number "21".

With respect to the Examiner's valid objection that the reference numbers "32", "36", and "66" were used to identify two different things, Applicant has elected to modify the specification to eliminate the duplicate uses. Thus in relation to prior U.S. Patent No. RE37,615, which was incorporated by reference in the application (see page 2, 2nd full paragraph), Applicant has amended the last paragraph on page 2 to identify the sleeves 36 as plastic lubricating sleeves and a further reference to that patent. The changes to that last paragraph do not add new matter since they merely add what is described in U.S. Patent No. RE37,615. Additionally applicant has deleted the word "standoff" as a modifier of the sleeves

36 (see amendment to 2nd paragraph on page 9). Finally the specification has been amended so that the reference character "66" is limited to identifying a counterbore (see amendments to pages 13-16). As a consequence Applicant respectfully submits that there is no longer any basis for requiring correction of the drawings in relation to the number "32", "36" and "66".

With respect to the allowed claims, Applicant has also amended them by replacing "countersink" with "counterbore", so as to render the claims consistent in terminology with respect to the feature identified by the number "66".

Applicant believes that this amendment constitutes a full and valid response to the Official Action of February 26, 2007 and that it eliminates any need for corrected drawings. Therefore, Applicant requests that the requirement for corrected drawings be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued on the basis of this amendment.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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